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March is a finicky old month, any

How that "ex" sticks to Mr. Hopkins's title!

Positively the last call for the peach crop pessimist.

According to the legislature the calendar is all wrong.

Please, brethren, may we remain at home on Sundays?

Not even the legislature can discourage the booster.

Who pays for Salt Lake's police and fire departments, anyway?

Whom the gods would exalt they first have ex-Senator Platt denounce.

It appears that the principal industry in the Balkans is the manufacture of war clouds.

Also looks as if the legislators intended to keep the seats warm for their successors.

by this time that Mr. Rockefeller had conferred another nickel tip.

Wonder if it'll be all right if a fellow should happen to smile without thinking what he was doing?

Nobody knows what the "bunch" is going to do next, but whatever it may be it is not likely to surprise anybody.

If the weatherman has any more snowstorms stowed away in his vest ocket, let us have 'em at once and be

Nevertheless, Senator Sutherland will find that when the brethren are quite done with him they will not even recognize him as a jack-apostle

And perhaps Zipping Zion docsn't look hardly right to the gentlemen from the rural districts-there being no cows and pigs running loose on the

In every letter you write to friends in-other places, don't forget to remind them that we are going to have the big G. A. R. National convention here next August.

and passed the Sunday law bill. Does and surprising thing about it all is that it prohibit preaching for tithes and divining for donations on the Sab bath?

No wonder the Fussy Federalites have got things all balled up, since Apostle Hyrum Smith has refused to give them the assistance of his superior wisdom.

Now will the gentle lawmaker kindly finish the job by so arranging matters that he will be able to supervise the expenditure of the Salt Laker's pay check?

And is it not plain to everybody that the hierarchs have determined that they were elected. if they can't control Salt Lake City by fair means they will attempt to do it by foul?

Can't see anything particularly atof unserupulous politicians.

After all, you see, all this "prohibition" agitation stirred up by the Mor- ates that deal may think he is on a mon leaders merely furnished an excuse high moral plane, but the bystander bath. Since 1881 the laws have been for placing the control of the liquor is sure to scoff. traffic in their hands to be used as a political bludgeon.

demands must be observed and granted.

#### THE PRETENTIOUS POSERS.

Once more it has been demonstrated that the man who appeals to constitution, to reason, common sense, public interests, and to the cause of morality. in support of or in opposition to any pending measure in the present Legislature, decreases the vote for his cause When it is shown that a measure is absolutely unconstitutional, unreasonable, destructive of public interests and immoral in its tendencies, that is the measure that the legislative vote rallies to with a fervor and an enthusiasm which sweep everything before it.

There can be no question whatever but that in the discussion of the vicious and grafting liquor bill passed by the House on Wednesday evening, the argument, the sense, the morality, the publie welfare, were all on the side of the opponents of that bill. The speech of Representative Cannon on that bill was for the most part strong and absolutely unassailable. In two points, however, he was off. He had no business to express either horror or surprise at the bargain with the liquor men which elected him. The place where he got onfused was where one would naturally expect a zealous, counsel-taking member to be confused; and that is where he spoke of the action of the October conference on the liquor question as some thing that the Legislature should be guided by. "What did # it matter," said Mr. Cannon, "so that the church defined its position if there was any doubt before the Legislature met? And he continued, "for all practical purposes that was early enough, and the principle remains the same whether the declaration was made in October or in January." And he indignantly exclaimed, "Is the church consurable because it adopted by unanimous vote a resolution that proper influence should be used on this Legislature to close the saloons?" Certainly the church is not to be consured on that account What is consurable is the assumption that because the church had made a certain declaration, therefore the Legis lature was bound by it and must comply with the church demand.

With respect to the much debated compact between the church politicians and the liquor dealers, Mr. Canson made the emphatic and uncompromising charge that such deal was made.

Here are his words: Mr. Speaker, I charge that before this Legislature met, before its members were elected, a bargain was made by which legislation on the liquor question was sold. I charge no member of the legislative body with being a party at that time to the bargain. I believe that few even knew of its existence. Moreover, I is my solemn conviction that the hopelessness of carrying out the demand of the people of this State for prohibition is due to the effort of strong influences to carry out the requirements of that bargain.

Senator Wilson had made the same We at least expected to have heard direct charge before, and now Representative Cannon makes it. Representative Ashton, in his remarks, assumed the same fact where he says: "I could forget, in the interests of some regulation, the insult offered to this Legislature by the injection of a bill prepared by the keepers of a compact," Representative Thompson, referring to the same insulting compact. said, "I charge that every man who believes as I do, that there was a deal, and then votes for this bill, he becomes a party to the deal, and for that infamy his name will be remembered as an accessory after the fact."

Here are three separate and distinct harges made on the open floor of the House that this deal was made. Mr. Caunon charges it direct and absolute, Mr. Ashton assumes that it was a fact. Mr. Thompson affirms his absolute belief in it, and charges complicity in that deal by every member who voted for the pending bill.

It is therefore not too much to say that the accumulation of proof leaves no doubt in any reasonable mind of the compact made by the "Federal bunch" with the liquor interests-for a consideration; that consideration being the contribution of upwards of \$40,000 to the church Republican campaign fund The State Senate has reconsidered by the liquor interests. The curious these church devotees all at once come out with a surprised yell of horror at the idea of this deal, when, as a matter of fact, every one of them knew perfectly well before the election, just as they have known since, that there was such a deal. The Tribune and other papers printed the facts in the case long before the election. These members that now howl against that deal were perfectly willing to take the benefit of it and be elected because of it. And after accepting the election so brought their part to come out now with such a howl against the very means whereby

These remarks, of course, apply par ticularly to Representative Cannon and Representative Ashton, and any others from this county who may have affected surprise and indignation at that tractive about "taking the police and deal. Their surprise and indignation fire departments out of politics" and should have taken form before election; placing them in the hands of a gang as soon, indeed, as they learned of the deal. As they could not fail to have learned of it when it was openly print By the time the legislators get ed in the newspapers, it is impossible through, it is evident that they will to feel any particular sympathy for have done everything to Salt Lake, these men who, after having been elect; from taking away all her rights to ed by this deal, now come out affectdropping banana peelings on her side ing surprise at its having been made, and taking their stand bitterly against it. A man who accepts the consideration of a deal and afterwards repudi

who have so outspokenly vindicated since 1887 any and all work pertaining as I see is to pass the measure It is noticed that while the Descret their principle at the expense of their to operation of gas, electric, water or It is evident, therefore, that Repre

does not interfere in political affairs, ing to accept election at the hands of as ferry boats, street railways, milk bill to be a party measure, and that, it nevertheless points out that the the liquor men, but not willing to keep wagons, and so on. In the year 1890 as a party man, he is obliged to supchurch in conference demanded this, the agreement whereby that election the retail sale of tobacco by dealers port it. And yet there has been no that and the other law, and that these is brought about? They show signs of whose stores were known to be open party caucus upon that question; there however, until the "Federal bunch" or ome agent of the ring, crooks his finger at them or holds up to their greedy gaze a stick of candy. They will come at the crook of the finger, and fawn at the feet of the "Federal bunch" hereafter, as they have done heretofore. They will seize the offered stick of candy with avidity and devour it, no matter how much bellyache there may be in it for them. And that is all there is to it, just a case of political bellyache. They are just as unscrupulous as the liquer dealers are, just as ridiculous in their affectation of horror of the liquor demands, and just as thoroughly devoted to the vicious methods of the machine as those who supported the liquor men's liquor bill.

The whole affectation is a particularly rksome and silly farce. There is nothing in the world to it, and their pretended opposition to the building up of a liquor-controlled machine in this State is nothing but the merest humbug. If the machine had wanted any or all of these men to come to the support of that bill, had, in fact, needed their votes, it would have got them. They would have supported that bill at call, just as so many other "original prohibition men", did on its final passage. These mockers of sincerity, these pretenders to virtue, need not think for one moment that the public is deceived by their silly antics and posings. Everybody understands their situation perfectly, and most people understand them better than they understand themselves. For there is not the least sincerity in them. There is not the east reason to expect that they will hold out against the machine, or that the machine will make any conversion whatever to them on their fraudulent. pretentious posing before a public that does not in the least admirs.

#### THE FAKE SUNDAY LAW.

The Sunday law passed by the Senate on Wednesday evening is so absurd that it is quite impossible to imagine it becoming a law. It prohibits pretty much everything on Sunday, even bathing at a public bathing establishment, forbids the transportation of any person, by train or otherwise, to any Sunday resort, moving picture show, or any thing of that kind. Without going further than the matter of transporting persons to such places, if those concerned in the enactment of this law will simply ask themselves how it is possible to discriminate on the street cars, let us say, as between those who are going to some Sunday resort and those the are not, they can get an idea of the impossibility of enforcing such a law. Is the conductor on a street car going to ask every passenger whether he intends to go to a public bathing establishment or some kind of an entertainment, and if the passenger says yes, must the conductor throw him off the ear? If the conductor does not, he is liable to punishment for a misdemeanor. If he does, he is liable to get his company into a damage suit for unlawful ejection from the ear.

Evidently the bill was so leaded down with amendments and restrictive provisions as to make it impossible, and part of the "Federal bunch." which i the Legislature simply puts it up to the tion and the principle involved. It would be a pretty bad joke on the Legislature if the Governor would sign the bill, but it would be a very bad joke on the people of this State also. Still, the Legislature has passed it, and, it being of the sort of legislation that Governors usually do not wish to veto, the Governor would be quite justified in signing the bill. The rumor is that he will veto it, but it is not easy to see on what grounds he would rest such veto.

The fact that the Legislature passes a bill of this kind which nobody can justify or defend, simply shows the reckless nature of the voting on measures pending in both Houses. The members appear to be acting without any sense of responsibility to the Constitution or to ordinary horse sense. But it would serve them exactly right if in this matter the Governor took them at their word.

With respect to legislation restrict ing Sunday activities, there is always danger that a bigoted sense of selfimportance and superior wisdom in the proponent may carry inhibitory details to the extreme, and work hardship upon question has been one of deep study for politicians and economists for a number of years, and there appears not to be any general agreement as to what would be a fair settlement of the matter. In this connection it is interesting to review the history of the Sunday laws of the State of Massachusetts. These have been liberalized progressively all the way down from Puritan times. It is true that the change has sometimes been somewhat slow, but it has nevertheless been made when it became apparent that harm was being worked by the law, or inconvenience or discomfort was imposed upon the citizens thereby. In the Puritan days no person was permitted to keep open shop of any description on Sunday, nor to any business whatsoever on the Sabigh moral plane, but the bystander is sure to scoff.

And now what about these gentlemen who have so outspokenly vindicated in the second state of the second apparent that harm was being worked by the law, or inconvenience or discomfort was imposed upon the citizens thereby. In the Puritan days no person was permitted to keep open shop of any description on Sunday, nor to operate warehouse or workhouse, or do any business whatsoever on the Sabbath. Since 1881 the laws have been so amended as to permit railroad trains to run; since 1886 the bakeries have been allowed to bake and sell bread; since 1887 any and all work pertaining became apparent that harm was being News declares that the Mormon church consistency, these men who are will- telegraph plants is permitted, as well sentative Eardley considers this liquous

sulking and of repudiating their party. every day in the week was allowed; was nothing in the platform upon which But that is all nonsense. They are just | and in 1901 the bootblack was legally | be was elected committing his party like spoiled and pettish boys who stick permitted to shine the shoes of his cus on this point; and there has been no their fingers in their months, go off tomers on the Sabbath. In 1902 the public announcement of any kind as in a corner, and think that the world sale of ice cream, soda and confections to the party attitude on this question. is grieved to see their discomfiture. No was permitted on Sunday, provided the And yet if appears to be conceded that one will pay the least attention to them. dealer in these was not also a dealer in intoxicants.

It should be borne in mind that this liberalizing of the Sunday law has been accomplished to meet popular demand in a State that has had experience with the strictest of regulation in this respect. Massachusetts has discovered that there is such a thing as going too far in this matter, and Utah should at least so profit by the experience of the older State as to exercise due caution before returning to the practices of the times when "witches" were dealt with 'faithfully.'

#### VENOM AGAINST THIS CITY.

Although the legislators have voted to impose upon the people of this city by compelling them to accept the Des Moines plan of city government against their will, those legislators themselves seem to have very little faith in that form of government. For they are stripping the municipality, as far as they see their way to do it, (and this in defiance of the Constitution) of the municipal functions appertaining to the city government,

The Legislature votes upon the city the Des Moines plan of government, but distrusts that plan so much that it votes to take out of the hands of the city, under the Des Moines plan, the fire and police departments.

It votes the Des Moines plan of gov ernment upon this city in defiance of Section 26, Article 6, of the Constitution, which forbids all special laws meddling with the charters of cities.

It votes the Des Moines plan of gov ernment upon this city, although that plan has created disturbances and uproar wherever it has been tried. Four out of the five commissioners in Des Moines are before the Legislature of Iown demanding amendment of the law. In Los Angeles, which has a similar plan, the city is in such a dreadful muddle that nobody knows what the next legal step is that ought to be taken.

The legislators vote the Des Moines plan of city government upon this city against the will of the inhabitants thereof, but so little faith have those legislators in the plan and in the gov ernment which they voted to establish here that they vote to deprive the city of the control of the liquor traffic and vest that control in the State.

It is a wonder that no member of the "Federal bunch" has yet bethought himself to create a commission to take charge of the streets of this city and another commission to take control of the water department. These, however, may come along in due course even at the present session, because the chief work of this session is being done after the session is over; that is the sixty days' limit provided in the Constitution for the duration of the egislative session had been passed be fore anything of importance was enacted. Everything of any moment or that aroused any public interest or argument or debate, has been passed since the session expired by law.

The fact that the legislators act thus towards Salt Lake City shows an evil disposition towards this city on the managing this legislation and steering Governor to decide, shirking the quest the legislators to enact it. It shows at the same time that the legislators have no faith in the Des Moines plan of government, and it cannot be possible that they really think the law to confiscate the fire and police departments, and the property appertaining to them, can possibly stand the constitutional test in the courts.

Inconsistency is sometimes charged upon petit jurors, and even upon judges on the bench. Legislators, however, during the warmed over life of a dead session ought, at least in the few days which the moribund life is prolonged, to be able to steer a straight course for a week or ten days without running against constitutional snags. The present legislators seem unable to do this, however, and the courts will have to be called upon to apply the judicial corrective against reckless and perjured legislation.

## EARDLEY AS A PARTY MAN.

It appears that Representative E. J. Eardley has all at once become a fierce and uncompromising party man. He was elected on the church liquor "Republican'' ticket last fall to be a Representative in the Lower House of the about, it is rather a caddy thing on a large part of the community. This Legislature. It appears that he feels the party ties and party obligations weighing heavily upon him. This from his attitude upon the saloon men's liquor bill. Mr. Eardly started in as a fierce prohibitionist, but has been converted from that to the idea that he ought to allow the liquor men to control the liquor business in this State, and dietate what laws should be passed with regard to conducting it. He regards this as a party measure, it appears, and on Wednesday he announced his position on that bill in the follow-

ing words:

this is a party question, and that Eardley, in coming over from the prohibition ide, has come to the church Republican party view of this liquor question. That is, the church, in his judgment, favors the furning over of the legislation on the liquor business to the liquor man

Republican ticket before. He was elected with Mayor Thompson on the Republican ticket when the Republican party elected eleven out of the fifeen Councilmen: the Democrats having but four members in that body. Mr Eardley and three other so-called Republicans at that time at once entered nto a compact with the Democratic nembers, forming the "solid eight" which blocked all progress, thwarted the Republican party mayor, and held the city stagnant for two years. At that time Mr. Eardley did not appear o have any sense of party obligation whatever. His obligation rather was to his brethren, and he united himself, with three other Republicans of like mind with him, to the four brethren in the Council who were members of the Democratic party, holding his church ties to be above all those of his party. The result was that when Mr. Eardley applied for renomination at the Republican ward convention he was furned own, and turned down hard, as not eing in fact, a party man. Now. however, he blossoms out as the special hampion of party regularity and party fealty, and this when there has been no party declaration, but only the will of the "Federal bunch," to bind anybody. It is a great change, but no greater than other members have made during the present session. It is especially noteworthy in Mr. Eardley's ease, however, to see this change, in view of the record he made as a hetrayer of his party in the City Council of Salt Lake.

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